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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98 and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

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5,865,779	February 2, 1999	John A. Gleason
6,120,473	September 19, 2000	Catherine H. Oliverio
6,640,465	November 4, 2003	Marjorie S. Burgess
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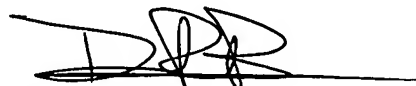
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Respectfully submitted,

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